

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Survey No. CE - 362

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic J. M. Peterson Property

other

2. Location

street & number Within Fair Hill N.R.M.A.; Just south of Mason-Dixon Line

not for publication

city, town Fair Hill

vicinity

county Cecil

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Maryland Department of Natural Resources

street & number 580 Taylor Avenue, Tawes State Office Building

telephone (410) 260-8186

city, town Annapolis

state and zip code Maryland, 21401

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

tax map and parcel

city, town

liber and folio

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Individually Listed in the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ HSR or Research report at MHT
- ☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Description

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Condition	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

*See Attached

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J. M. Peterson Property
Cecil County, MD
C. Mazurek
June 1998
Section 7.1

Addendum

The J. M. Peterson Property is located in Cecil County within the Fair Hill N.R.M.A., to the west of Big Elk Creek, on the dirt access road within the Resource Area boundaries. This property contains a number of buildings all clustered close to each other such as a farmhouse, bank barn, paddock, cistern house and storage shed.

The farmhouse is two and one-half stories tall, with a size of three-bays by two-bays wide. Overall it is a typical late Nineteenth century farmhouse with an "L"-shaped, rear-facing, plan. Within the center of the "L" is an open side porch, while the front facade has a full length open porch. The foundation is constructed of fieldstone, with a covering of concrete over the surface. Upper stories consist of wood frame construction with an exterior covering of lapped horizontal clapboard. The roof over the main section is side-gabled with a covering of replacement composition shingles. Three interior, brick, ridge chimneys flank each gable of this structure. Windows on the front facade are 6/6, while on the rear facades there are 2/2 sash windows.

The bank barn has a uncut, uncoursed, fieldstone foundation with wood upper stories and an exterior covering of vertical clapboard. The roof has a standing seam tin covering.

The paddock does not appear to be historic, however it may replace an earlier structure. It has wood frame construction, is one room large, and has a sheet metal roof. There is also a wood fence surrounding the paddock to fence in horses.

The storage shed and cistern house are parallel to the farmhouse, and are roughly the same age. They are one-story structures that are one room wide. They are built of wood frame construction, on a stone foundations, with exterior coverings of wood, lapped, horizontal clapboard. The roofs have a covering of replacement composition shingles with exposed rafters on the eaves.

All of the structures are in excellent condition, with the exception of the farmhouse. It has lost the entire front of the facade, roof and wall included. Vegetation is beginning to overtake the structure and both porches have fallen off.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☒ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, and a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, discuss evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

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This property is significant as an example of an intact, late Nineteenth century, working farmstead. The farm buildings are all of a common design for rural properties, yet they are a rapidly vanishing component of the countryside. The bank barn and paddock are still in use for the care and storage of horses.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning.

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Farming

Known Design Source: None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

name/title C. Mazurek, Historic Sites Surveyor

Date 6/22/98

city or town Annapolis

state and zip code Maryland 21401

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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J.M. PETERSON
CE-302 PROPERTY

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Sharps
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Fair Hill

Fair Hill Race Track

NEWARK WEST
DNR 98 MAP #7

Kenmore
Sch

Andora

Big Elk
Chapel

Flint Hill
Ch
Cem

Christina

East

River

Appleton



CE 362 J.M. PETERSON

~~PROPERTY~~ PROPERTY, FAIR Hill N.R.M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

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DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

EAST VIEW OF FARMHOUSE AND SHEDS

NO. 177-180 001888002



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~~MAZUREK~~ PROPERTY, FAIR HILL N.R.M.A.

CECIL COUNTY, MD

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WEST VIEW OF BARN

NO. 1000 50 165 8061 N N N-05 2



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CECIL COUNTY, MD

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NORTH VIEW OF FARMHOUSE AND BARN



